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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please substitute the following version of the Abstract, with changes shown by strikethrough (for deletions) or underlining (for added matter).

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gas permeable probe for use in an optical analyzer for an exhaust gas stream flowing through a duct or chimney comprises has:

- an elongate hollow structure having first and second ends and a side wall, with an optical cavity defined between said the first and second ends within said the side wall,
- a mounting structure at said the first end and adapted for mounting said the elongate hollow structure within said the duct or chimney,
- a support member at said the second end,
- a connecting structure connecting said the mounting structure at said the first end to said the support member at said the second end,
- an optical window at said the first end permitting a beam of light originating from an optical analyzer to enter into said the optical cavity to travel from said the first end to said the second end,
- a filter forming a part of said the side wall, and
- a retroreflector provided at said the second end for returning said the light beam to said the first end of said the hollow structure,
- said the optical window being releasably mounted at said the first end of said the elongate hollow structure and/or said the retroreflector being releasably mounted at said the second end of said the elongate hollow structure.